

# **QUAVERS**

AREA VIII: ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA OCTOBER, 2007

#### PEORIA RINGS MY BELLS

#### Greetings, all!

I have just returned from our annual Area VIII board meeting where we finalized plans for the 2008 Festival Handbell Conference, **PEORIA RINGS MY BELLS!** We are all very excited about the Peoria Civic Center. It is a wonderful facility that has just undergone a huge renovation. Our conference hotel is the Pere Marquette. It is an ancient hotel on the Historic Registry. It too has just undergone a renovation. The rooms are very comfortable and the hotel boasts a full, free breakfast buffet. It is just a half block from the convention center. I think you will be very pleased with our choices.

As you know, our music selection was posted in the last issue of *Quavers*. Unfortunately, we have to make one change. I have since found out that the Bronze selection of *Festival Sanctus* is no longer in print. Because of this, we have had to choose a new piece. It is *Praise His Name in the Dance* by Derek K. Hakes. It is a new piece published by Alfred Publishing, level 4, and the stock number is MAP25358. I apologize for any confusion this has caused.

I am very excited about our clinicians. We have Hart Morris and Bill Alexander coming to lead us. Hart has been the Minister of Music at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the past fifteen years. He is a former chair of Area IX, AGEHR. Among his many accomplishments, Hart is an internationally known clinician, a published composer and arranger and the co-founder of Red River Music. Bill has been the director of five choirs at the First United Methodist Church in Duluth, Minnesota for the past twenty-five years. One of his choirs is the touring ensemble, Strikepoint, which will be our featured Friday night concert. Bill is a former AGEHR officer. He is also an internationally known clinician and conductor and has a reputation for musicality and fun.

As usual, we will offer a wide variety of classes and opportunities. We will again be offering the Breakout Concert option for those who have taken more classes than they care to count. If you are interested in being a part of that, you can contact Past-Chair Marilyn Droke. These concerts will be about thirty minutes in length and will give your choir an opportunity to shine! If you would like to play something but don't want to give a whole concert, we will also offer the Showcase Concert. This is for choirs, ensembles and soloists who would like to perform one piece. You can contact our Area Secretary Natalie Radcliffe, if you are interested in this. There will be a form on the website **after** you have registered for the conference.

I think that is all for now. Please fill out the enclosed registration form and return it with your deposit. We would love to see **everyone** in Peoria!

Debbie Llewellyn ~ Area VIII Chair

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#### ILLINOIS TO HOST CONFERENCE

Illinois bell groups have a golden opportunity this coming year to participate in Area VIII's biennial Handbell Festival Conference because our state is the **host**. We won't be sponsoring our 2008 Illinois Spring Ring because we'd like to encourage everyone to attend the Area VIII Festival in Peoria this June. It's like combining the best aspects of our Spring Ring with our Workshops. Spreading it out over several days allows us adults the opportunity to "go away to bell camp" for the weekend.

Area Festivals are not just designed for advanced ringers. Check out the repertoire listings—there are four different ringing divisions offering music difficulty levels ranging from level 1 to level 4+. And class offerings are equally diverse. I've rung at festivals with both Hart Morris and Bill Alexander; they're among the best!

Even if you can't fit this event into your group's schedule or budget, your Illinois State Committee will be borrowing up to twenty bell sets to use in the classrooms at the festival. If you would be willing to loan your bells and foam (fully insured by AGEHR), or help us transport equipment to Peoria, please contact anyone on the state committee.

Fliers have gone out for our Young Ringers Festival to be held on February 2, 2008. Tim Waugh will be returning to Santa Maria del Popolo School, and hopefully Mother Nature won't be quite so chilly! Registration information is available on our website, www.il-agehr.org.

We're also offering another Ringer's Workshop with The Agape Ringers on February 23, 2008. If anyone is interested in hosting this event, please contact me.

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### **CURRENT EVENTS**

The Iowa Committee has offered workshops during this past 2007 year and even packed the house without room to spare last February during a snow-storm.

There are many handbell events sponsored by the Iowa Committee during this next year that I hope everyone will make an effort to attend. Please contact me or check out the Iowa AGEHR website for updated information on the upcoming events listed below.

February 2, 2008 – IA AGEHR Winter Workshop

St. Henry Catholic Church in Marshalltown

Guest Clinician - Marylee Parks

March 29, 2008 – IA AGEHR Youth Handbell Workshop

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Marion

April 26, 2008 – Chicago Bronze Clinic

Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids

Chicago Bronze Workshop with concert that evening.

#### Area VIII Conference—June 19-21, 2008 in Peoria, Illinois

If you have never been to an Area VIII Conference in the past you have no idea what you are missing! It doesn't matter if you have been ringing for one year or for more years than you care to count; there is always something new and exciting to learn. I will never forget *my* first conference and the feeling of 500+ ringers playing together on the arena floor. It will take your breath away!

This year's conference will include a feature concert by Strikepoint and many classes to brush up on your handbell techniques or to learn a new skill. Either way the conference will be full of handbell enthusiasts like yourself who enjoy playing handbells. The Peoria Conference Center will offer a great space to share that handbell experience and the Pere Marquette is a beautiful, historical hotel just a short walk from the conference center.

I hope that everyone considers attending the conference in Peoria and you will have a great experience that you will not forget. Don't take my word for it; ask anyone who has attended an Area VIII Conference in the past.

See you soon!!

Kathryn Jaeger ~ Iowa Chair



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#### ROAD TRIP TO PEORIA

September 28-29, 2007 was the Area VIII Board Meeting to finalize many plans for our June 2008 Conference, and my first opportunity to meet with your Board members. The dedication of these folks to furthering the art of handbell ringing and their enthusiasm in putting together a memorable conference is inspiring!

Due to other commitments, I have been unable to attend a conference since 2002, when I dragged my fellow choir members on a chase around Collinsville, Illinois to find the "World's Largest Ketchup Bottle." So...why should you attend an Area Conference? Here are just a few reasons:

- It's proof that you are not the only "handbell nut" in the world!
- There is a bonding that comes from a road-trip with others in your choir. (Trust me, you get to know them in ways that you cannot during rehearsal.)
- The good fortune to meet and develop friendships with ringers from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.
- The opportunity to ring and learn from some of the handbell world's top conductors, along with about 500 of your newest best bell friends.
- The chance to attend classes to learn new techniques, reading sessions, etc.
- The possibility to hear other groups perform—from full choirs to soloists.
- The excuse to buy some fun handbell "toys" (t-shirts, bags, stained glass, key chains, gloves, jewelry, note cards, etc.)
- The probability of meeting someone who knows someone you know, or is related to you (or someone you know), or can serve as a resource for you when one of your ringer-friends moves away and you want to help them find a new bell choir. (I've experienced all of the above at various events.)

Look over the registration at the website (http://www.areaviii.org/pastconf/2008.htm). Encourage others to attend. But, if they can't, don't let that stop you. Check around, as you can probably ring as "an orphan" with another group. If you need help finding a group to ring with, contact your State Chair and they'll do what they can to match you up.

Come, learn, enjoy, have fun. And please introduce yourself to me—I love making new friends!

Kathy Leonard ~ Kansas State Chair



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#### DON'T MISS PEORIA

Plans for the Peoria festival are underway, and I am eagerly anticipating next summer's event. Two years ago, I was supposed to be in Cedar Rapids for the 2006 festival, but because of a car accident, I missed a handbell festival for the first time in many years.

**I missed seeing friends.** At every handbell festival, I meet up with buddies I've had for years and those I've come to know more recently. We catch up on our lives and families. When I bring a choir with me, a festival becomes an opportunity to strengthen the relationships between our ringers.

**I missed talking with colleagues.** I enjoy talking with other directors about their programs. This is a great exchange of ideas that can only help me become a better director.

**I missed the massed ringing.** I like the sound that hundreds of ringers produce together; it just fills the room. One of my former churches had only a three-octave set of bells, so I always enjoyed the additional high and low octaves that bigger choirs brought to the massed ringing.

**I missed the classes.** As long as I've been involved in handbells, I learn something new at every festival. It could be a new teaching element, a different approach to the music, a better way to run a rehearsal. My ringers have the opportunity to be taught by some of the best handbell teachers. I don't know everything, and whatever my ringers pick up from the classes they attend can only make us a better ensemble.

**I missed the reading sessions.** Reading sessions provide an excellent opportunity to read through new music. It helps me decide what music to buy. I also encourage my ringers to go to reading sessions, and then tell me what pieces they would like to add to our library. They usually have some good suggestions.

**I missed the shopping.** Vendors often have special discounts for the festival, so I come to the event with a list of supplies and equipment. I can stretch my budget just a little farther.

I missed alot two years ago, and I do not plan to miss the 2008 festival. Join us in Peoria next June—you don't want to miss it.

Kathy Harrison ~ Missouri State Chair

#### PEORIA CONFERENCE CHANGES

Bronze Level Out of Print—Festive Sanctus

Bronze Level Replacement—*Praise His Name in the Dance* by Derek Hakes, Level 4, Alfred MAP25358



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#### WHY GO TO PEORIA?

Because my director says so
To meet Hart Morris and Bill Alexander

**VENDOR SHOPPING** 

Hear Strikepoint in concert Attend Break-out and Showcase Concerts **VENDOR SHOPPING** 

Major opportunity for networking Attend classes

**VENDOR SHOPPING** 

Chance to ring with 500 other ringers Stay in the historic Hotel Pere Marquette

**VENDOR SHOPPING** 

Mark your calendars now to attend the **Peoria Rings My Bells** Conference in historic Peoria, Illinois. The committee has planned so many wonderful classes and concerts to fill your conference time that you will not want to miss. Other featured events include the banquet and after concert reception, the massed concert, seeing old friends and meeting many new friends, *making a banner* in an hour, ringing new music and always **VENDOR SHOPPING**.

How could anyone **not want** to come to Peoria from June 19-21, 2008? Besides what the conference offers you, Peoria has a wonderful Riverfront area where fun, food and friends meet, the Wheels O' Time Museum, shopping centers and much, much more.

As the Nebraska State Chair, I hope to see many of you in Peoria next June where you will enjoy working with Hart Morris and Bill Alexander as your clinicians.

Other state news: the Spring Read and Ring will be Saturday, March 8, 2008. The two sites are Southwood Lutheran Church in Lincoln and First Lutheran Church in Kearney. This event will be using a massed ringing format to learn new music and teach musical techniques. Music used will be from Levels 1 to 3. There will be no separate breakout classes. Watch for registration forms.

Joyce Miller ~ Nebraska State Chair

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## **AGEHR SPONSORED EVENTS**

2007 / 2008	EVENT	CLINICIAN	LOCATION
Nov 3 9a-4:00p	Illinois Workshop www.il-agehr.org	The Agape Ringers	Northminster Presbyterian 10720 N Knoxville Ave Peoria, IL Debi Robey 630-291-8355
2/2/08 9a-3p	Illinois Young Ringers Festival www.il-agehr.org	Tim Waugh	Santa Maria del Popolo 116 N Lake St Mundelein, IL Debi Robey 630-291-8355
2/2/08	Iowa Winter Workshop www.agehr-ia.org	Marylee Parks	St Henry Catholic Marshalltown, IA Kathryn Jaeger Jkjdjaeger@juno.com
3/1/08 9a-4p	Kansas Ring in the Spring http://home.kc.rr.com/ kansasarea8/	Kevin Bogan Cathy Moklebust	Church of the Resurrection 13720 Roe Ave Leawood, KS Gwen Gepford 913-491-6461 Gwen.gepford@cor.org
3/8/08	Nebraska Spring Read & Ring www.agehr-na.org		Southwood Lutheran Lincoln, NE OR 1st Lutheran Kearney, NE
3/29/08	lowa Youth Workshop www.agehr-ia.org	tbd	Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Marion, IA Kathryn Jaeger Jkjdjaeger@juno.com



2008
Area VIII Conference
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Peoria, IL
Mark your calendars!





## **UPCOMING CONCERTS**

2007	CONCERT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Nov 18 7:00p	1st UMC Bell Choirs Christmas Concert	1st UMC 1032 Maple Downers Grove, IL	Pattie Barnes 630-953-0146 Bellhog@juno.com
Dec 2 3:00p	Gateway Ringers Holiday Concert www.gatewayringers.org	Evangelical UCC 2520 Poplar St Highland, IL	Lisa Neal 618-654-7459
Dec 2 3:00p	River City Ringers omahametrohandbells.org	Benson Presbyterian Church 5612 Corby St Omaha, NE	Joyce Miller 402-333-0715
Dec 7 & 8 7:00p	Faith Baptist Bible College Festival of Carols Handbells, Orchestra and Chorale	Faith Baptist Bible College 1900 NW 4th St Ankeny, IA	Tim LaFleur Lafleurt@faith.edu 515-964-0601 x 228
Dec 9 2:00p	Gateway Ringers Holiday Concert www.gatewayringers.org	University UMC 6901 Washington Ave St Louis, MO	Henry Glass 314-961-2968
Dec 9 3:00p	Ambassador Ringers omahametrohandbells.org	First Methodist Church Red Oak, IA	Joyce Miller 402-333-0715
Dec 9 3:00p	Hastings College Bell Choir & Symphony Orchestra	Hastings College Masonic Auditorium Hastings, NE	Byron Jensen Bjensen@hastings.edu
Dec 15 3:00p	Rezound! www.rezound.org	Powell Gardens 1609 NW US Hwy 50 Kingsville, MO	Pat Latshaw 913-341-5725 www.rezound.org
Dec 15 4:00p 7:00p	The Agape Ringers Sounds of the Season www.agaperingers.org	Parkview Community Church 764 St Charles Rd Glen Ellyn, IL	For tickets, call KC Congdon 309-365-2910
Dec 16 2:00p	Omaha Metro Handbells www.omahametrohandbells.	Lauritzen Gardens 100 Bancroft St Omaha, NE	Joyce Miller 402-333-0715
Dec 16 3:00p	Gateway Ringers Holiday Concert www.gatewayringers.org	Our Lord's Lutheran Church 150 Wilma Dr Maryville, IL	Loretta Williams 618-345-5692
Dec 16 7:30p	Raytown Christian Church Handbell Choirs	Raytown Christian Church 6108 Blue Ridge Blvd Raytown, MO	Suanne Comfort 816-358-0292 Music@raytowncc.org
Dec 23 4:00p	Allegro Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concert	Union Church 137 S Garfield Hinsdale, IL	Michael Surratt 630-323-4303 x 15 Msurratt@uchinsdale.org

#### **REGISTRATION FOR:**

Area VIII – "Peoria Rings My Bells" Festival/Conference June 19-21, 2008 – Peoria, IL



Note our "SUPER EARLY BIRD" and "EARLY BIRD" rates! Super Early Bird Rates must be postmarked by March 1, 2008 Early Bird Rates must be postmarked by April 15, 2008



\$65.00

#### **REGISTRATION OPTIONS**

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The following registration prices are <u>per person</u> a		el accommodatio	ons
	Super Early Bird	Early Bird	After 4/15/08
FULL TIME REGISTRATION	\$235.00	\$250.00	\$275.00
Includes 2 banquets, Saturday night Gala Reception, classes & notes,			
"Special" concert admittance, and conference pin			
COMMUTER FEE per person – If not staying at the Pere Marquette			\$50.00
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DAILY REGISTRATION	Thursday		\$75.00
Includes class sessions and concerts on day(s) of registration	Friday		\$90.00
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NON-PARTICIPATING GUEST/CHAPERONE REGISTRATION			\$80.00
Includes 2 banquets, Saturday night reception and "Special" concert admittar			400,00

#### **ADDITIONAL FEES**

TABLE RENTAL(per 8 foot table)\$12.00

DIRECTOR'S LUNCH \$15.00

The Directors Lunch is Area VIII's Bi-annual meeting where all directors can come together, meet one another, meet your Board, and discuss the direction that you would like Area VIII to go.

**AGEHR Membership** (for non-member groups only; required to participate)

#### **DEPOSIT REQUIRED!**

A deposit of \$25.00 per person is required. **DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Balance of fees due postmarked by May 15, 2008. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, NO FEES CAN BE REFUNDED!** 

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Registration fee **DOES NOT** include hotel accommodations. Special group-rate accommodations are available to Conference registrants at the Pere Marquette for \$109.00 + tax per room, per day, for occupancy of 2, with **free parking and cook-to-order breakfast**. Call the hotel directly at 309-637-6500, ask for the "reservations" desk and **BE SURE** to identify yourself as a participant in the "Area VIII Handbell Conference"!

Completely fill out reverse side, **MAKE A COPY FOR REFERENCE**, and send to: Cheryl Abney, 2063 S. Glenn, Springfield, MO 65807

Registration questions? Contact Cheryl Abney, Area VIII Treasurer, 417-886-6892 or CAbney@mchsi.com

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION One registration per choir

AGEHR Membership Number  (Can be found on your <i>Quavers</i> or <i>Overtones</i> mailing label)		
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Home Address:	Daytime Phone ()	
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# PEORIA RINGS OUR BELLS!

Here it is—The news you've all been waiting for!!

Area VIII Festival Conference 2008
Peoria Civic Center
Peoria, Illinois
June 19-21, 2008

Pere Marquette Hotel (one half block from Civic Center)

# Our Clinicians HART MORRIS & BILL ALEXANDER

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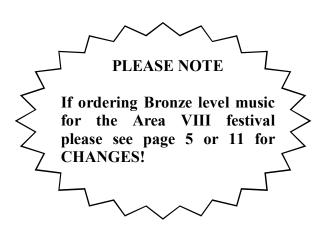
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